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In our former booklet, "America in the War," we endeavored to show the fulfillment of prophecy respecting this great world-war. It will be our purpose in this booklet to show the ultimate outcome of the struggle as foretold by the inspired servants of God. We will also try to make plain the origin of the nations now fighting in Europe and their relationship to the house of Israel, so briefly touched upon in our former booklet. Incidentally we will show the capture of the kaiser, his trial and death, and the death of the crown prince.

INTRODUCTION.

By way of introduction, I will quote a portion of the prophecy of Hosea, the prophet, as found in his fourteenth chapter:

"O Israel, return into the Lord thy God: for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the FATHERLESS FINDETH MERCY.

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him. [Ephraim.]

I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

His branches shall spread and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

Who is wise, and he shall understand these things; prudent, and he shall know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them, but the transgressors shall fall therein."

THE PRINCIPAL PEOPLES INVOLVED IN THIS GREAT WAR ARE OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

Isaiah 1:2 "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5. Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint.

6. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."

At the time the prophet Isaiah made these remarkable statements, some 760 years B. C., Israel measurably knew the Lord and lived in some manner according to his laws; they were at times guilty of revolting and of great disobedience; but it could hardly be said that they were at that time as ignorant as an "ox" or an "ass" religiously. The prophets's words, therefore, justly and truly apply to a future time, to a time when they would become "laden with iniquity," when they would be a "seed of evildoers," when they would become children that would not only "corrupt" themselves but others as we find them doing today. This is not written respecting the Jews and Benjamites alone, but all the various tribes and people of Israel who have persisted in their wickedness and abominations for generations, for century after century, until the Lord's patience is well nigh exhausted and he is provoked finally to anger. No wonder the Lord is angry, for his people have begun to

murder one another with no more mercy than a tiger would show, until Israel, from one end to the other, is unsound and full of "wounds and bruises and putrifying sores."

As the nations of Europe involved in the terrible war now raging, fulfill the conditions and are enacting the scenes described by the prophet, we can reasonably conclude that they belong to the house of Israel. Assuming that the reader is willing to follow us with this thought in mind, we will endeavor to prove that this view is a correct one, as it is in harmony with the word of God.

Isa. 1:7.—"Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it IN YOUR PRESENCE, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers."

Look at Palestine today, the former home of Israel; the very names of the cities that once beautified the land, as a general thing, are forgotten. In ancient days this could not be said from the simple fact that the cities of Israel still existed although the kingdom of Israel and all the inhabitants of the fenced cities of Judah had been taken into captivity by Shalmanezer, king of the Assyrians. Their cities still remained and were afterward occupied by a people called Samaritans, a people whom the king of Assyria brought there. Hence the condition spoken of by the prophet Isaiah did not exist at that time. It is different now. The conditions and circumstances all harmonize in every particular. The Turks have burnt your cities; the Turks rob and plunder your land and make it desolate. They even murder your own flesh and blood, and carry off to brutal torture the daughters of your own people right IN YOUR PRESENCE.

9 "Except the Lord of Hosts had left us a very small remnant [of righteous people amongst us], we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? * * *

14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers I will not hear: your hands are full of blood."

Now, kind reader, whom do you suppose the prophet could have meant when he uses language such as this?

He was speaking to the whole house of Israel, not to Judah and Benjamin alone, as before said. These two tribes are scattered among the nations and are powerless to prevent such wickedness, from the simple reason that they are not in one body, no matter how much they may be united in spirit, no matter how much they might desire to prevent the evils here complained of by the prophet; and besides, even if they were in one body and disposed to act, they could do comparatively little because they are so few in numbers.

It is entirely different with the whole house of Israel, as they number hundreds of millions of men alone, to say nothing about their women and children; but they have in some localities and in some instances become so corrupt that the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, that their hands are covered with blood; therefore, when they spread forth their hands to pray he will turn away from them and will neither see nor hear them. No doubt in ignorance they have done these things. Ignorance is one of the faults they are accused of. They may boast of their efficiency, however, in science and mechanical skill, their attainments in music and painting and sculpture, but with a depraved and brutal mind, one devoid of the power of recognizing the sanctity of the marriage relation, or of respecting the sacredness of motherhood, a mind filled with the lust for power and the greed for wealth; both of which they are too impatient to obtain by honest means.

Is there any wonder that the Lord said when he looked

at the trees of his vineyard, "The main top of some of the trees have begun to wither," and then gave command that the branches that were most bitter should be cut off.

Some doubt that the nations of Europe are Israelitish nations. It might be well for the skeptical to read the following, having been taught falsehood so long that it is hard sometimes to disabuse the mind. One very effective way to come to knowledge and understanding is to do what the prophet Isaiah admonishes Israel to do, when guilty of all the crimes he charges to their account. It is recorded in the 16th verse as follows:

16. "WASH YOU, MAKE YOU CLEAN; PUT AWAY THE EVIL OF YOUR DOINGS FROM BEFORE MINE EYES; CEASE TO DO EVIL.

17. LEARN TO DO WELL: SEEK JUDGMENT, RELIEVE THE OPPRESSED, JUDGE THE FATHERLESS, PLEAD FOR THE WIDOW.

18. COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAYETH THE LORD; THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW: THOUGH THEY BE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL.

19. IF YE BE WILLING AND OBEDIENT, YE SHALL EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND.

20. BUT IF YE REFUSE AND REBEL, YE SHALL BE DEVOURED WITH THE SWORD: FOR THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HATH SPOKEN IT.

21. How is the faithful city become an harlot? It was full of judgment, righteousness lodged in it: but now murderers." [Berlin, for instance.]

In the foregoing quotations the prophet Isaiah admonishes the people, one and all, to GET BAPTIZED and to become clean in heart and soul, to put away their evil ways and sinful thoughts and works, giving unto them a promise that if they will do so WILLINGLY they should eat the good of the land; and at the same time denounces unto them that they should be devoured with the sword if they refused and were rebellious.

22. "Thy silver is become dross [depreciated to such

an extent in value], thy wine mixed with water. [There is not enough to go around unless water is mixed with the wine.]

23. Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24. Therefore, sayeth the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah! I will ease me of mine adversaries and avenge me of mine enemies.

25. And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin [money].

26. And I will restore thy judges as at the first and thy counsellors as at the beginning; afterward thou shalt be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." [This means an abolishment of kings, princes and all hereditary rulers, and the establishment of free government again throughout all Israel.]

The 23rd verse, as you will observe, is very apt and describes the attitude of Germany's rulers exactly, namely, that they are rebellious and companions of thieves. The Turks are thieves and robbers and Germany's princes are their companions. Every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards, but they neglect the widow and the fatherless, until they starve to death. Therefore the Lord will ease himself of his adversaries and avenge him of his enemies, which they have become.

God is willing that all governments should be free. But they must so frame their constitutional law that the rights and liberties of all men will be guaranteed individually and collectively. Anything short of this would not insure the peace of the world. The right of personal liberty and of conscience must be fundamental in all cases. Naturally all men are amenable to law, to the laws of the country in which they live, but such laws must not be oppressive or retroactive, and place men on an unequal footing.

Some may suppose that the above prophecies and statements do not apply to the Teutons any more than to the people of the United States, but as the people of the United

States have no princes at all and her people are not associated in any sense with the Turkish thieves and murderers; and further, inasmuch as the American people have for nearly a century and a half elected all their officers and judges, and do not uphold the murderers and despoilers of the helpless, that part of the prophecy relating to these things does not apply to them, while it fully and truthfully applies to the German princes.

The American people may be as ignorant as are the people of other nations as to who they are; but it is a piece of ignorance held in common by all of them, and can be easily remedied without doing violence to any human being. We are not Bolsheviki nor German princes and we do not repudiate our covenants; but we believe in honoring and sustaining the law of the land in which we are privileged to dwell.

God bless our President, whom we have elected, and his Cabinet, the Congress of our country, the members of the Supreme Court, the Governors of the various States and their Legislative Assemblies, that peace and harmony may characterize all their deliberations, and that success may attend all their endeavors to establish liberty and peace and justice in every nation and country in the world.

I have touched but briefly upon some of the principal things in the first chapter of Isaiah. A great deal might be said respecting many parts of it. For instance, it is evident that the prophet's words had reference to this day and time, which truth can be amply confirmed as we proceed, consequently it is a very remarkable thing that the Lord should address the house of Israel as a nation, if no nation of Israel existed at the present time, WHO KNEW NOT GOD, and yet were filled with all kinds of wickedness. Again, it is strange that God should denounce other nations or divisions of the house of Israel who had become murderous, and whose hands were dripping with the blood of mothers and babes and old men, all of whom were practically non-combatant.

Oh! blush for the pretense of the rulers of Germany being Christians, or that God is with them. Can such men even repent? For if they can, even they can be saved, for no man being a sinner can be saved without repentance: it is a gift, even repentance is a gift from God, and comes to mankind because of the sincere desires of the penitent. Whenever a man can truly manifest the spirit of repentance, it is a sign that he may be a subject for salvation. All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God. It is, therefore, the supremest folly to suppose that any man, or woman or child who has reached the years of accountability before God, can be saved without repentance. The reason why so many supposed converts do not enjoy the fruits of salvation—in other words, communion with the Father, is because they have not repented of their individual sins. The spirit of repentance should always be within the penitent; it is not something that can be cast off and taken on at will, because God is a just God and cannot be mocked with impunity. He is also loving and kind to all the prodigal sons that have disgraced themselves and the world from the beginning, if they manifest the spirit of repentance.

Lest any man should mistake the time to which the prophet refers, Isaiah makes a most remarkable declaration in the second verse of his second chapter, because it is a very important thing for all human beings to know. It is as follows:

2. "And it shall come to pass IN THE LAST DAYS, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."

The MOUNTAIN of the Lord's house means the headquarters of the Lord's house; it was to be higher than the hills, in the TOP of the mountains, not on top of a mountain; and the people of the Lord's house inhabit the valleys of the mountains here "in the MIDST of the land," in fulfillment of the words of Ezekiel, which says:

Ezek. 38:11. "And thou shalt say, I will go UP to the

land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates" [around their cities; ancient Israel had both.]

12. To take a spoil, and to take a prey: to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited and UPON the PEOPLE that are GATHERED OUT of the NATIONS which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the MIDST of the land," [and not on the sea coast, as former Israel used to dwell, besides the land is a different land.]

16. And thou shalt come UP against MY PEOPLE of ISRAEL as a cloud to cover the land; IT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS, and I will bring thee against my land, that the HEATHEN may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

If the people so gathered, as stated, ARE OF ISRAEL, then the nations from whence they came are also of Israel, and the prophet makes the point that Isaiah makes, that this gathering to the mountains here was to occur in the latter days.

Inasmuch as all scripture is given for our profit and learning, the object sought is our advancement in the knowledge of the ways and purposes of God, to the end that we may be wise and be saved, not only in this present life, but in that greater life that follows, which lasts forever. The war here mentioned by Ezekiel, the prophet, is but one of the side issues of the great war now raging in Europe. Misunderstandings arise which are seized upon and exaggerated, and fanned by wicked men into the flames of civil war. We have discovered the cause of the great war: it lies in the unbridled ambitions of the Teutonic rulers, as stated in our former booklet entitled "America in the War," which ambitions must be thwarted for the safety of the world.

The Lord, the supreme ruler of the universe, is permitting this war with all its attendant evils to visit his children in these latter days because they have rebelled against him. If this be the truth, then in order that a mini-

mum of loss and suffering may result, the proper thing to do is to inform the people of their great error, and show them how they may make amends, and thwart the adversary of their souls. To illustrate this, will take the liberty of reminding the people of these United States that inasmuch as they have measurably been willing to listen to the promptings of the spirit of the Lord, and have put away all hereditary rulers and have returned again to first principles and formed a government that is free, they should now open their eyes and see how very merciful God has been to them as a people and nation. While the people of other nations have been taxed to the limit to support kings and rulers, and to further their scheme of conquest and murder, we have been comparatively free from all these things, which has brought the favor of the Lord upon this nation. In our recent war with Spain, we should remember that in the two naval battles we were obliged to have with that unfortunate country, only ONE American was killed. What but the divine power of God could and did work these two great miracles? While we lost no ships, the ships of Spain were taken or destroyed. In this world-war into which we have now entered, God will again give us the victory.

A PROPHECY SHOWING THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN THE GREAT WORLD-WAR WOULD BEGIN.

Isaiah 18:1. "Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia [strange that the prophet should speak of America after this fashion, "Shadowing with wings." North and South America look like two great wings.]

2. That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in rushing vessels upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people TERRIBLE from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled."

This means that America should send ambassadors to some terrible people, "to a nation meted out and trodden

down," to a people "whose land the rivers have spoiled." This could be none other than Germany, but although the ambassadors were sent in haste, they could not prevent the threatened war. Therefore, a warning is uttered by the prophet and an admonition is given to all the world, as follows, saying:

3. "All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, SEE YE, when he [America] lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, [the trumpet of war.] HEAR YE.

4. For so the Lord said unto me: I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5. For afore the harvest [about August 13th, 1914,] when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shalt both cut off the sprigs [I would take it that "sprigs" refers to the little nations—Belgium, Poland, Servia, Montenegro, Rumania and Greece] with pruning hooks and take away and cut down the branches [branches refers to the larger ones, such as France, England, Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy.]

6. They shall be left together, unto the fowls of the mountains [showing that they should fall upon the mountains as well as upon the plains], and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7. In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of Hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the Lord of Hosts, the MOUNT ZION."

It would seem from the above quotation that even the Germans would send a present here to the Lord of Hosts, and that she would be known as terrible, often referred to as such by Isaiah.

The Lord seems to have a desire to take a hand in this great conflict, and speaks as follows to his people:

Isa. 13:2. "Lift ye up MY BANNER upon the high mountain. Exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3. I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones, for mine anger is not upon them that rejoice in my highness.

4. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise as of the kingdoms of nations gathered together. THE LORD OF HOSTS MUSTERETH THE HOST OF THE BATTLE.

5. They come from a far country [America], from the end of heaven, even the Lord and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6. Howl ye, for the day of the Lord is at hand. It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt. [Among the Lord's enemies.]

9. Behold the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger to lay the land desolate, and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity, and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." [Here again Germany is alluded to as terrible. I have quoted from the new translation by Joseph Smith, as he makes some of these passages more plain in my estimation.]

The prophet Isaiah was in Palestine when the Lord revealed to him what he was going to do in this war; among other things the Lord was instructing his people in these days to which the prophet's words refer, to "lift up his banner upon the high mountain, and He himself was mustering the host of the battle in a country as far off as America, "the end of heaven," from where Isaiah was at the time when he uttered the prediction; and was using the people as "the weapons of his indignation to destroy the whole land" where his enemies dwelt; and the prophet also warns such enemies to "howl," for it shall come to them "as a destruction from the Almighty," causing all hands to

faint, "and every man's heart to melt," for they are all about to be destroyed. In this destruction he would cause the ARROGANCY of the PROUD to CEASE and LAY LOW the HAUGHTINESS of the TERRIBLE. This refers to a branch of the people of Israel who have become terrible unto those near them.

Those who remember Mr. Gerrard can readily see that these scriptures have been fully verified in our Ambassador's reports. How haughty and discourteous the German Emperor was to him, even threatening war with America after this war was over. Alas, for him, and all his pride and arrogance. Said he, "I'll stand no nonsense from America after this war is over."

THE STARS AND STRIPES IS THE BANNER OF THE LORD.

It may be perceived that the Lord's banner mentioned in Isaiah, 13th chapter, is the same one that is referred to in his 18th chapter, which all the world is commanded to see; and when the trumpet of war is blown throughout the land, all the world is commanded to hear.

From the quotations above given it is equally evident that they point to the flag of our country, the Stars and Stripes, as the ensign or banner of the Lord. Jeremiah 4:6, 21, also says, "Set up the Standard toward Zion;" and then remarks, "How long shall I see the Standard?" It evidently was seen a long time among the warring nations of the world; although late coming in, it stays in when it gets in until the Lord's purposes are accomplished.

The early pioneers who came to this valley in 1847, understanding these scriptures probably better than we do, went upon a high peak just north of this great city and raised the flag of our country upon it; and named the peak "Ensign Peak," looking forward to the time when this prophecy would be fulfilled, thus showing their loyalty to this nation, of which we form a part.

THE BRANCH OF THE TERRIBLE ONES SHALL BE BROUGHT LOW.

It is consistent to say that the people against whom this banner or standard is raised is known as a "terrible" people because of their conduct, and that they were numbered among the sinners, by the prophet, who were to be destroyed by the Lord's army. Of course all America as well as all the world has need to mourn because of the terrible war, and it is in truth a WOE to the whole world, but not more to America than to other parts of the world. America, however, had no hand in starting it; therefore, she is looked upon in this prediction as an innocent party made to suffer for the wrong-doings of other nations; and although she tried in every honorable way to avoid being mixed up in it, and notwithstanding her reluctance she was forced into it; war was made upon her by sinking her ships and people in the sea; hence, in order to maintain those principles of freedom and liberty upon which her government is founded, it seemed necessary for her to proclaim herself the champion of the world's liberty, not seeking self-aggrandizement or the extension of territory, but only to put down tyranny and oppression everywhere, and to re-establish peace among the nations of the earth.

DESTRUCTION OF GERMANY.

Isaiah 17:7.—"At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

8. And he shall not look to the altars; the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves or the images.

9. In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which he left because of THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL; and there shall be desolation."

What is left of the people of Germany in their impoverishment and general debility will begin to disregard their

idols; and there will be a few who will even return unto the Lord.

10. "Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the Rock of thy strength, therefore THOU SHALT PLANT PLEASANT PLANTS, AND SHALT SET THEM WITH STRANGE SLIPS."

The Kaiser's motto is "God is with us," but what does the above quotation indicate? Nothing more or less than this, that the Germans having departed from the Lord, the thing they did not want to do; even that they were led to do by the devil. For instance, every people love their own people and their own children; the Germans are no exception to this rule; they have given profound and unmistakable evidence of this clannishness and affection; although voluntarily expatriated in many instances, all will admit that the German's children are as dear to them as ours are to us. Now, when we take into consideration the fact that the German rulers profess to hate the thought that Slavism should prevail over the earth, they hated the Slavs; they wanted the German language to prevail over the earth, not the Russian, neither the French, and above all not the English. With this preliminary, they were willing to go to war and cut the Slavs off. The same with the English—they spoke a piratical jargon; and they despised the French—they were a decadent race, not to be classed on the same level as the great and efficient German race. The German tongue must be made the language of the world, consequently this war of aggression was inaugurated. But soon the German Kaiser began to count the cost. He was losing men, if not so many as his despised enemies, still he was losing, and this war of attrition was going against him. He had not counted on a war of attrition, and he began to worry as to what he should do. This is what he concluded to do: As he had taken many Russian prisoners, he needed their help, so he patronized them, and they had suddenly become fine fellows in his sight. He put them to work in his farms and

vineyards and said that the infusion of Slavic blood among the Germans was just what was needed. What did he care whether that infusion was accomplished by honorable marriage or otherwise, so long as he succeeded in his purpose, and so his "pleasant plants were set with strange slips."

11.—"In the day thou shalt make thy plants to grow and in the morning thou shalt make thy seed to flourish; but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow."

The soldiers of other nations would also be fine fellows IF the German Emperor could only rule them; but they will not remain true to his cause, neither will the Russians; therefore the Germans are setting a snare for their own feet.

Isaiah 26:5.—"For He bringeth down them that dwell on high, the lofty city He layeth it low, He layeth it low even to the ground, He bringeth it even to the dust."

Speaking of the Kaiser, Isaiah makes another remarkable statement as follows: "Though he thinketh it not, yet it is in his heart to cut off nations not a few."

The Lord's patience is limitless, but he knows when to lay it aside for the good of his children. Here is a passage of scripture that indicates this fact.

Deut. 32:31.—"For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges."

32.—For their vine is the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah, their grapes are grapes of gall, all their clusters are bitter.

33.—"Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps."

34.—"Is not this laid up in store with me and sealed up among my treasures?"

29.—"Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end.

30.—"How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?"

Their wine refers to the teachings they have received

from their priests who are called dragons [snakes], and their rulers, who are referred to as asps [more snakes]. Their vine refers to their actions as being similar to those of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Their grapes are used by the prophet to designate their disappointments. We will now continue the quotation.

35.—"To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; THEIR FOOT SHALL SLIDE IN DUE TIME; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them MAKE HASTE."

36.—For the Lord shall judge his people, and be sorry for his servants when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up or left."

The subjects of the allied nations are the Lord's servants, and together with the prisoners of war that the Germans have taken, were put into internment camps as prisoners of war. The Germans have since compelled all who could labor for them, to do their work; and some of them have been forced into their armies, so that now there are very few shut up or left. No doubt the mortality among them has been very great. Of this we do not hear very often. We will now revert to the quotation.

37.—And he [the Lord] shall say, Where are their gods [idols], their rock in whom they trusted?

38—"Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drink the wine of their drink offerings. Let them rise up and help you and be your protection.

39.—See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no strange god with me: I kill, and I make alive: I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

40.—For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.

41.—If I whet my glittering sword [the United States of America] and my hand take hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42.—I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh: with the blood of the slain and of

the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

43.—Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengence to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land and to his people."

It would seem from the words "and of the captives" that some of the prisoners were among the German armies, forced to fight against their own people and were killed by the Lord's armies; but there was a set time, it would appear, when the German foot should slide, it would mark the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

The allied nations are commanded to rejoice with the Lord's people over the event.

Another thing the German rulers did not count on was the force or vim with which America would enter the war—as a sword "whetted and sharpened."

It is also referred to in Isaiah, chapter 27:1. "In that day the Lord with His sore and great and strong sword shall punish Leviathan, the piercing serpent, even Leviathan, that crooked serpent."

These two serpents are acting together and represent Germany and Austria-Hungary.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF BERLIN.

Isa. 26:1.—"In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulworks.

2.—Open ye the gate [of Jerusalem] that the righteous nation which keepth the truth may enter in. [It is the nation of the United States of America.]

3.—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.

4.—Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord, Jehovah, is everlasting strength.

5.—For he bringeth down them that dwell on high. [That is the German Rulers.] The lofty city [Berlin] he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

6.—The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

7.—The way of the just is uprightness; thou most upright doth weigh the path of the just.

8.—Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, we have waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9.—With my whole soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: FOR WHEN THY JUDGMENTS ARE IN THE EARTH, THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD WILL LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

10.—Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

11.—Lord, when Thy hand is lifted up, they will not see; but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. [Unsavory people among the Lord's armies.]

13.—O Lord, our God, other lords besides Thee have had dominion over us; but by Thee only will we make mention of Thy name.

14.—* * * therefore, thou hast visited and destroyed them.

15.—Thou hast increased the nation, [of Israel] O Lord, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified: thou hast removed it far unto the ends of the earth." [In other words, to America. This song will soon be sung by some of the converted Jews.]

Isa. 25:5.—"The branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

12.—The fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he [the Lord] bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust."

It is evident from these quotations that the German nation is to be brought down to destruction, as it is known as the BRANCH of the TERRIBLE ONES.

Isa. 33:1.—Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee."

THE PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN OF ZION.

Isa. 33:2.—"O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee, be thou their arm every morning [praying for her soldiers abroad], our salvation also in the time of trouble."

THE ANSWER OF THE LORD IN DEEDS.

Isa. 33:3.—"At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the [hostile] nations were scattered."

THE RESULT.

Isa 33:4.—"And your spoils shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpiller; as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

5.—The Lord is exalted; for He dwelleth on high; he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6.—And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation; the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

7.—Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly." [It would appear that Germany will send ambassadors of peace to America.]

THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO THE CONDITION OF EUROPE AND TO THE DOINGS OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

Isa. 33:8.—"The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth, he [Germany] HATH BROKEN the COVENANT, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man." [These are among the last acts of the German emperor. He fell upon the stone and was broken. He broke the covenant and the stone fell upon him, and he was ground to powder.]

THE CAPTURE OF THE KAISER.

Ezek. 19:1.—"Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel.

2.—And say, what is thy mother? a lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.

3.—And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

4.—The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt."

It would appear, from the description given, in the light of history, that every one should know the prince whom this first lion represents; it represents Napoleon, a prince or emperor of the French nation. If Napoleon is meant—but how could it be otherwise? No other prince of Israel of any note, or of any other nation for that matter, so exactly fulfills the conditions of the prophecy, either in ancient or modern times. Egypt was the first great ruling nation after the flood, and she took no prince of Israel captive either before or after Ezekiel's time who became so renowned for killing men that the nations heard of him and captured him, and then took him a prisoner to Egypt. Hence we conclude that Napoleon is the only man or prince that is represented by this figure of a lion. After being taken to Egypt according to the words of this prediction, then he was taken secretly to the island of St. Helena, where he died. If, then, Napoleon is meant, HE IS A PRINCE OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: and the nation of France is a large branch of the house of Israel unto which the Israelites have gathered; not those of one tribe only, but of all the tribes. The principal tribe unto which the Israelites have so gathered there, is the tribe of Naphtali: because Moses in blessing Naphtali says, "Possess thou the west and the south." This blessing does not refer to Naphtali's portion in Palestine, as his tribe never possessed the west and the south of the Holy Land, but it does possess the west and the south of Europe.

Referring again to this remarkable parable which was given by revelation to Ezekiel, the prophet, about six hundred years B. C., we will proceed to show that Germany is also of the house of Israel.

Ezek. 19:5.—"Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost [concerning Napoleon], then she took another of her whelps and made him a young lion.

6.—And he went up and down among the lions [just as the present emperor of Germany did, when he became emperor; he went to France, and to Vienna, and to Russia, and to England, and among the things he said while there was, "Uncle Edward, let me show you how to reign." Of course this was a piece of impudence, for he was a much younger man than his Uncle Edward, but these journeys show that he went up and down among the lions. "He became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.]

7.—And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the NOISE of his roaring."

Can anything in modern literature describe Emperor William's doings better than that? You can almost hear the cannon roar in this description; but if you doubt it, look at Belgium and Poland and Russia and Rumania and Servia and Montenegro and Italy and France, where the cities and palaces and even the terrain are left in ruins; and the skeletons of mothers, babies, children and helpless old men and women strew the ground for hundreds of miles, to say nothing of the millions of soldiers that have been slain, and the end is not yet.

8.—"Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces [of Israel], and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.

9.—And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon [the pope of Rome]: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel."

We can plainly see from this quotation that Emperor William of Germany is represented by the second figure of a lion. He fulfills the terms of the prediction exactly. No other man in any age of the world has ever done so, hence Emperor William of Germany is a prince of the house of Israel, around whose branch the various tribes have gathered, for whom the prophet Ezekiel was commanded to take up a lamentation. Moreover, the nations of Europe who set against him on every side are from "the provinces" of

Israel. It is upon them he endeavors to prey as a lion. We have thus learned the forecast of his capture and subsequent trial before the pope, and imprisonment. The mountains of Israel upon which he has harangued his followers, upon which he has taught cruelty to his soldiers, will then hear his voice no more.

We have now shown conclusively that France and Germany are specified as nations of Israel, so also are all those nations surrounding Germany; consequently all their respective colonies are colonies of Israel. A great many of the people from these countries have gathered to America and it seems reasonable that the prophets are not silent respecting this favored land.

THE NATION OF EPHRAIM, THE FIRST BORN SON, IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Hosea says: "I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born." He also says: "Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord." Daniel the prophet says "He shall make war with the saints and prevail against them." St. John, the Revelator, says: "He shall make war with the saints and overcome them." I say the United States would not permit any other nation to make war with the Latter-day Saints; there are no other saints. The Lord says, "I have placed them as a tower in the midst of my people that they might know and try their way."

We will now refer to a prophecy of Isaiah.

Isa. 33:14.—"The sinners in Zion are afraid: fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burning?

15.—He that walkest righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from the holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

16.—He shall dwell on high; his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him; his water shall be sure.

17.—Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off [America].

ISAIAH SPEAKING TO THE JEWS IN THESE DAYS.

Isa. 33:18.—"Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? Where is the receiver? Where is he that counted the towers? [of Jerusalem, and the answer would be, nowhere.]

19.—Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand.

20.—Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities; thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

21.—But THERE the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams [Missouri, Mississippi, etc.] wherein shall go no galley [warship] with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22.—For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us."

It may be necessary to call attention to the fact that Isaiah was reassuring the faithful emigrants or visitors among the Jews near Jerusalem respecting the land they were going to visit. After they learn the truth of the gospel and keep the admonitions mentioned in the first chapter of Isaiah, which we have already quoted, and make up their minds to visit Zion in America, and see the new Jerusalem which shall be built in Missouri in a place of broad rivers and streams, where no hostile war craft shall ever be permitted to go. It seems to refer to a time subsequent to the present war, when peace shall again be established and when the Oriental Jews and Israelites shall be anxious to see the land of America and latter-day Zion. The enmity and envy of Ephraim and Judah shall have passed entirely away, and the dawning of the mighty work of the Lord shall

begin to distill upon their minds. The spirit of the Lord will be poured out upon the inhabitants of Zion. It is like a burning fire and the righteous will be able to endure it. All the land of America is in reality Zion. All will then belong to the Church of God. The Indians will become white like we are, and will form one nation with us from one end of America to the other.

In these pages I have given a very brief but true exposition of some passages of scripture pertaining to the terrible war now raging and devastating the nations of the world, knowing full well that God is always on the side of justice and right. To say that he does not favor one side more than the other is charging him with indifference with regard to the welfare of his children. We might as well say he did not believe in civilization; that he did not approve of the punishment of the despoilers of virtue, the murder of innocent men, women and children. Friends, do not be deceived by any such sophistry, by any such untruthful statement. The revelation given on war to Joseph Smith, the Prophet, shows that Great Britain is fighting in self-defense; therefore, France, Italy, Russia, and above all America, our own country, and all our allies, are likewise fighting in self-defense. It must be plain to all honest men that we are not the aggressors. The aggressors are the ones to blame for the present heartrending conflict. Pro-Germans may, no doubt will, continue to apologize for the sinking of innocent men, women and children on the Lucitania, saying, "they had no business there;" they may still refrain from condemning the Teutonic murderers on sea and land, as they have from the beginning of the war, but such conduct is not the province of honest men, no matter what their names or ecclesiastical positions may be. Boasting that they are patriots will avail them nothing, and unless they repent they shall go down to hell to dwell with the kaiser. I do not believe that God will permit such people to pollute the earth with their presence; but he sometimes uses patriotic men and governments to accomplish his purposes.

THE DEATH OF THE KAISER FORETOLD.

Isaiah 14:1.—"For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2.—And the people shall take them and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids, and they shall take them captive whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. [Germany oppresses them; but the tables shall be turned, and they shall take the Germans prisoners and shall rule over them.]

3.—And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

4.—That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased [the German empire]: the golden city ceased [Berlin]?

5.—The Lord hath broken the STAFF of the WICKED [Emperor] and the SCEPTRE of the RULERS [of Germany.]

6.—He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruleth the nations in anger, is persecuted and none hindereth.

7.—The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing.

8.—Yea, the fir trees [Israelites] rejoice at thee and the cedars of Lebanon [the Jews] saying, Since thou are laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9.—Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10.—All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou also become like unto us?

11.—Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols; the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee."

THE KAISER COMPARED TO SATAN BY THE PROPHET.

Isa. 14:12.—"How art thou fallen from heaven, O

LUCIFER, SON OF THE MORNING; how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations.

13.—For thou hast said in thy heart, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north;

14.—I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

15.—Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16.—They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?

17.—That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners."

The Russian Bolseviki lately offered to release the German prisoners after the peace of Brest-Litovsk, but the kaiser would not release the Russian prisoners. He did not wish the world to know how many had starved to death.

18.—"All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19.—But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit, as a carcass trodden under foot.

20.—Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because THOU hast DESTROYED thy land, and SLAIN thy people; the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned."

He has destroyed his land and slain his people by pitting them against the world, which he tries hard but unsuccessfully to subjugate, and disappointment is on every hand.

21.—"Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. [His children are his subjects, as they are said to have other fathers.]

22.—For I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of Hosts, and cut off from Babylon [Germany, as it is a part of Babylon] the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the Lord.

23.—And I will make it a possession for the bittern,

and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts.

24.—The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25.—That I will break the Assyrian in my land and upon my mountains, tread him under foot; then shall his yoke depart from off them and his burden from off their shoulders.

26.—This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27.—For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?''

It would seem that the kaiser would be successful for some time to come, as he seems to have so much to do before being overcome.

29.—''Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent's root [the kaiser's son] shall come forth a cockatrice [a fighting snake], and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.''

In ''America in the War'' it is shown that the kaisers are designated as serpents, hence the serpent's root would be his son.

30.—''And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy ROOT with famine, and HE shall slay thy remnant.'' [Speaking of the destruction of Palestine.]

This denotes that the war will be carried on by the kaiser's son, who shall stake his hopes upon peculiar fiery flying machines, seeing the submarines shall have failed. But we are comforted by the thought that the end is in sight. The allied nations will hold the supremacy in the aeriel contest. The kaiser's son will die of FAMINE after he has done considerable mischief in Palestine.

31.—"Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou whole Palestina art dissolved; for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times."

I think this verse indicates that Russia will make an attempt to obtain control of Palestine and the city of Constantinople. As an evidence that these prophecies apply to this day and time we will quote the thirty-second verse.

32.—"What shall one then answer the messengers of the nations? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it."

The chaotic conditions attendant upon the breaking up of the Austro-Hungarian and German nations, as well as the destruction of the power of Turkey, are such that it will be well nigh impossible for people to know just what to do; they will finally conclude to send messengers to America, who will inform them that the Lord hath founded Zion, as it is Zion in America that is particularly referred to by the prophet.

The people of Germany, after passing through unutterable hardships, will be taken prisoners, some of whom will be scattered among the nations. The remnants that are left of Germany will be taken by the allied armies of the nations and colonized in Palestine, and there be used for servants and handmaids to those of the allied nations who wish to sojourn there. They will not be permitted to dwell in Germany. It will be a desolation. It is called Babylon, because it is part of the dominions of the pope. He is the king of Babylon the Great; that is why the proverb is taken up against him, and the world begins to sing for joy when God giveth them rest.

As the Prophet Isaiah here speaks of the Assyrian, it will need a little further explanation. Assyria took Israel captive anciently in fulfillment of Hosea's words, "The Assyrian shall be his [Israel's] king." When the Assyrian armies were withdrawn, all except a few guards, the Israelites arose and took the Assyrian guards prisoners and fled

into Europe with them. This small sprinkling of Assyrian blood is still with them, and possibly has become the ruling faction in Germany, asserting itself in prompting the rulers of that cruel country to follow the policy of ancient Assyria; which it is doing, in its attempt to rule the world, by removing its conquered peoples from one end of the land to another. The prophet Isaiah compares Germany to Assyria, because of the similarity of its military policy, and it is said that the German emperor will have it in his heart to cut off and destroy nations not a few.

In conclusion, will say it may seem a little harsh to plainly declare the destruction of the German nation; but as that nation is responsible for the destruction of many though smaller nations, more defenseless, the crime is, if anything, all the greater, and why shouldn't Germany, the murderer, pay the penalty? Neverthless, the Lord reminds us that to him "belongeth vengeance and recompence," and that he "will not at all acquit the wicked," but that he "will not make a full end of the people." No doubt there are some, even in Germany, who do not share in the general guilt.

That people may be led to have faith in the God of heaven, and search and know his word, I have written these few pages.

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